

non-profits and government and is a masterful networker. She has her hands in publishing, website design, video production, event planning, business development, beautification, hospitality, you name it. There is no task Charise won't tackle.

A San Mateo County native, Charise earned her BA from Notre Dame de Namur University and the University of California, Davis. She has been married to her beloved husband Jack for 35 years and they have three children, Byron, Tamara and Josh, and six grandchildren, Annabelle, Sadie, Jacob, Chloe, Jaden and Asha.

Charise announced that she will retire this year, but she won't leave her post until she can help one more time with the Pumpkin Festival, one of Half Moon Bay's signature events that draws hundreds of thousands of people to the coast. After that, she will do some consulting work. That is Charise, never idle and always engaged.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Charise McHugh for her exceptional service to her community. She has transformed the Chamber of Commerce into a powerhouse that has helped make Half Moon Bay into a destination. Residents and visitors alike benefit from her contributions every day and will continue to do so for years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. SETH ADAMS

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many accomplishments of Seth Adams as Save Mount Diablo's (SMD) Land Conservation Director. During his twenty-five years of work at Save Mount Diablo, Mr. Adams has played a large role in shaping the conservation movement in the East Bay. During his tenure, SMD has assisted in the preservation of more than 100,000 acres of open space in eastern Alameda and Contra Costa counties, successfully reintroduced the peregrine falcons at Mt. Diablo, and aided in the development of hundreds of millions of dollars of conservation funding.

Mr. Adams began his career of conservation service in the East Bay after moving to Berkeley in 1981 and volunteering for the campaign against the Peripheral Canal in the Delta. He then joined SMD as its first hired staff member. Under his guidance, SMD has championed efforts of restoration and stewardship, aiming to preserve, defend, and restore the remaining 70,000 acres on Mount Diablo and its foothills.

Mr. Adams's commitment to promoting the success and well-being of Contra Costa's nature and wildlife is deeply appreciated by the community he serves, and he should be proud of SMD's many notable accomplishments during his tenure.

I thank Mr. Adams for his service and congratulate him on his 30th work anniversary.

#### KISD BRINGS HOME 3 GOLD MEDALS IN STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate three TX-22 Katy Independent School District (ISD) state wrestling champions—Kayla De Leon, Gabi Holloway and Daniel Manibog.

Cinco Ranch High School's Kayla De Leon finished her senior season with an individual gold medal and a 35–2 record. Gabi Holloway, a junior at Seven Lakes High School, finished off an undefeated 9–0 season with a gold medal. Daniel Manibog, a repeated state champion from Katy High School, also received a gold medal and pinned his final match in 45 seconds. Each of these students has made Katy and all of Texas proud!

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to each of you on your accomplishments. I look forward to seeing what you will accomplish in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIZ SKILLERN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Liz Skillern of Shenandoah, Iowa for her selection as the Valley News' 2017 Person of the Year. Liz is a teacher and coach at Shenandoah High School in Shenandoah.

Liz is a native of Aurelia, Iowa. She attended Northwest University and earned a degree in education and coaching. She has taught various subjects over the years and has been instrumental in starting cross-country programs in several schools. Liz has been very successful coaching girls cross-country programs and leading them to state qualifying events. She has a reputation of fostering dedicated and hardworking athletes and has earned the respect of her students.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Liz for earning this award. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Liz for her many accomplishments in education and coaching and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. JOYCE GATES BLACK

#### HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Dr. Joyce Gates Black, President of Delaware County Community College (DCCC)—the first female, as well as the first African-American, President to lead the institution in its 50 year history.

Dr. Gates Black has worked tirelessly to promote students' success, ensuring they have a clear path to graduation and are equipped with the skills a modern workforce demands. Her efforts have made her an exceptionally well respected higher education administrator.

In addition to her experience leading colleges across the country, Dr. Gates Black served our nation honorably in the U.S. Air Force where she developed leadership abilities that now help her lead institutions like DCCC.

Dr. Gates Black is being presented with the Woman of Achievement Award from the Delaware County Women's Commission, an honor she much deserves. I join in recognizing her as a distinguished leader in higher education in Pennsylvania and across the country. I wish Dr. Joy Gates Black many years of continued success at the helm of DCCC.

#### MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY, SNOW VALLEY AWARDED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

#### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Snow Valley Mountain Resort, which has been named the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. Snow Valley is the oldest continually operating ski resort in Southern California, having begun operations in 1924.

Celebrating their 80th year anniversary this 2017–2018 ski season, Snow Valley employs nearly 400 people during their high season. They have consistently contributed and stimulated the local tourist economy of the area. Snow Valley instructors have taught thousands how to ski and snow board at their Learning Center, which includes an Adaptive Learning Facility. Additionally, Snow Valley has been active in the local community by supporting projects including the Active Transportation Project grant program and the Running Springs to Big Bear trail system. The Resort was also one of the driving forces behind the construction of the first hospital in Lake Arrowhead.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank Snow Valley for their contributions to the local economy in Lake Arrowhead, as well as being an important part of the culture, history, and heritage of our local mountain communities.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL WALTON ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

#### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Daniel Walton of Perrysburg, Ohio has been